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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Walter C. Slater, et al

PHOTOFINISHING SYSTEM AND
METHOD INCORPORATING
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Serial No. US 09/494,011

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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:

Please replace existing claims 1 and 3 with the following amended
claims 1 and 3. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to the end
of the response.

1. (Three times amended) A method of producing digital image
products in a photofinishing lab, the photofinishing lab having a plurality of
image obtaining devices for obtaining a plurality of digital images from multiple
customer orders, a plurality of digital output devices for providing a plurality of
digital image products based on the obtained digital images, and a central
processing unit, the method comprising the steps of:

associating each obtained digital image with identification data;
sending each of said obtained digital images and their associated
identification data to the central processing unit, the central processing unit